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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, OVIP, CT
SUBJ: IMPERIAL VISIT TO THE U.S.

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1. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO MY FAREWELL MEETING WITH THE EMPEROR,
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SENT A CONFIDENTIAL NOTE TO THE EMBASSY
DATED MAY 15, 1978. KEY PHRASES OF THE NOTE ARE THE FOLLOWING:
QTE THE MINISTRY HAS THE PLEASURE TO RECONFIRM TO THE EMBASSY
HIS MAJESTY'S ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT FORD.
IT WILL BE A GREAT PLEASURE FOR THE SOVEREIGN TO VISIT THE UNITED
STATES AT A DATE WHICH IS CONVENIENT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER. UNQTE.

2. COMMENT: AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN
A COMMITMENT FOR AN OFFICIAL BOKASSA VISIT. BOTH PRESIDENTS
NIXON AND FORD, HOWEVER, WERE AMENABLE TO PRIVATE VISITS INCLUDING
A CALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE
NUANCES INVOLVED TO PRIME MINISTER MAIDOU BEFORE I LEAVE AND
TO DO WHAT I CAN TO DAMPEN DOWN EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE LIKE-
LIHOOD OF AN OFFICIAL VISIT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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